

REMARKS

On reviewing this application, it was found that a number of minor errors and omissions exist in the specification. This substitute specification corrects these. The undersigned attorney affirms that the substitute specification contains no new matter. Attached is a copy of the original specification marked to show the changes.

Likewise, the number of minor errors in the claims have been corrected.

Accompanying this amendment is a Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections, requesting approval of minor corrections to the drawings, the desirability of which was noted during the preparation of this Preliminary Amendment.


Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned “Version with markings to show changes made”.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A decorative cover having a predetermined shape, said decorative cover comprising:

a thin, rigid support base shaped in accordance with the predetermined shape;

an electroluminescent foil overlying said support [hose] base; and

[an] a first insulating foil overlying said electroluminescent foil; wherein

said support base has a first opening therethrough for insertion of an electrical connector to connect said electroluminescent foil to an electrical power source so as to provide power to said electroluminescent foil; and

said support base, said first insulating foil, and said electroluminescent foil have a second opening therethrough for insertion of a control key of a device covered by said decorative cover.

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A decorative cover as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a further foil between said insulating foil and said electroluminescent foil, said further foil having the graphic thereon and having an opening therethrough corresponding with the second opening.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) A decorative cover as claimed in claim 2, wherein said electroluminescent foil, when provided with power, provides white light.

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

8. (Amended) A decorative cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein said electroluminescent foil₁ when provided with power, provides white light.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Amended) A decorative cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein said electroluminescent foil₁ when provided with power, provides colored light.

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

10. (Amended) A decorative cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein said electroluminescent foil includes a plurality of electroluminescent foil segments, and wherein said support base [and said first insulating foil have] has a plurality of first [holes] openings therethrough for insertion of a plurality of connectors to connect each foil segment separately to the electrical power source so as to provide power separately to each foil segment.

Claim 16 has been amended as follows:

16. (Amended) A covered electronic device as claimed in claim 13, further comprising a further foil between said insulating foil and said electroluminescent foil, said further foil having the graphic thereon and having an opening therethrough corresponding with the second opening.

Claim 18 has been amended as follows:

18. (Amended) A covered electronic device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said electroluminescent foil₁ when provided with power, provides white light.

Claim 19 has been amended as follows:

19. (Amended) A covered electronic device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said electroluminescent foil, when provided with power, provides white light.

Claim 20 has been amended as follows:

20. (Amended) A covered electronic device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said electroluminescent foil, when provided with power, provides colored light.

Claim 21 has been amended as follows:

21. (Amended) A covered electronic device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said electroluminescent foil includes a plurality of electroluminescent foil segments, and wherein said support base [and said first insulating foil have] has a plurality of first [holes] openings therethrough for insertion of a plurality of [connecting pins] connectors to connect each foil segment separately to the electrical power source so as to provide power separately to each foil segment.

Claim 25 has been amended as follows:

25. (Amended) A method of making a decorative cover, said [process] method comprising:
positioning a first insulating foil over a first surface of an electroluminescent foil to form a preliminary cover member;
[performing] preforming the preliminary cover member into a preselected shape;

punching first holes through the preliminary cover member for passage of control keys therethrough;

placing the preliminary cover member into a mold of the preselected shape, the mold having bosses corresponding with the first hole and to a second [holes] hole; and

injecting plastic into the mold and into contact with the preliminary cover member to form the decorative cover, the bosses providing holes through the plastic corresponding with the first and second holes.

Claim 26 has been amended as follows:

26. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 25, further comprising positioning a graphic between [said] the first insulating foil and the electroluminescent foil as a part of the preliminary cover member.

Claim 27 has been amended as follows:

27. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 26, further comprising positioning a second insulating foil beneath a second surface of the electroluminescent foil as a part of the preliminary cover member, the second insulating foil having a hole therethrough corresponding with the first hole.

Claim 29 has been amended as follows:

29. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim [27] 26, wherein the graphic is affixed on one surface of the first insulating foil before positioning of the first insulating foil over the first surface of the electroluminescent foil, and wherein the

first insulating foil is positioned over the first surface of the electroluminescent foil with the graphic adjacent the electroluminescent foil.

Claim 32 has been amended as follows:

32. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 25, further comprising positioning a further foil between the first insulating foil and the electroluminescent foil as a part of the preliminary cover member, the further foil having a graphic on a surface thereof adjacent the first insulating foil.